

Roxbury, Feb. 18, 1867.

Dear Mrs. Chace:

Accept my thanks for your letter, which I meant to have answered at an earlier date.

It will not be convenient for me to attend the Peace Convention at Providence, but I am glad that my esteemed and eloquent friend, George Thompson, will be present on the occasion. The official invitation welcomes the presence of those who dissent from the principles set forth in it as well as those who approve of them, and offers the largest liberty of speech to all. This is eminently worthy of the good cause, which has nothing to fear from the most searching investigation.

I was in Providence, a few days since, in order to get Dr. Sweet, the Natural Bone-setter, to examine my injured

shoulder. He gave it as his opinion that the rim of the socket had been broken by the fall, and that, if the shoulder had been properly splinted and held in its place for three or four weeks at the outset, a cure could have been effected. Of course, it is too late to have anything of the kind done now to any advantage. He thinks I shall always have more or less suffering attending it, especially in sudden changes of the weather. During the past year, I have been examined by several surgeons and clairvoyant mediums, but, though differing somewhat as to the precise nature of the injuries received, they have all agreed (excepting Dr. Sweet) in saying that there was neither fracture nor dislocation of the bone.

At any rate, I have had to endure long protracted, and at times almost inquisitorial pains, making the last eleven months almost a blank in my life, so far as any public labor has been concerned. But I am now a good deal relieved.

We receive letters every week from Fanny and Frank at Munich, in Bavaria. They are both in good health, and are enjoying themselves very much. On the 20th of March, they (with Mr. Villard) will go to Paris, to be there at the opening of the great industrial "Exposition," and to remain till the middle of June, when they intend going to the Rhine, from thence to Italy, and then for the United States via England.

Wife is enjoying very comfortable health, and is still being regularly treated for her paralysis, chiefly by magnetism of the hand. It is scarcely to be expected, however, that she will ever recover the use of her limbs. She unites with me in the kindest remembrances to your aged mother, to your husband and children, and yourself.

Yearning in spirit for that blessed epoch when nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and learn war no more, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

